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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROBLEMS POSED BY SSA CLAIMS IN ELAZIG

REF: ADANA 239, 232 AND ANKARA 6820

- 1. SEPTEMBER SSA CHECKS WILL BE POUCHED NEXT FEW DAYS. DESPITE DETENTION OF OZUN, CONOFF SHOULD CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF COMPLETING HIS REGULAR TRIP TO ELAZIG. UNLESS ADEQUATE PROTECTION AVAILABLE FROM TURKISH AUTHORITIES, POST CAN EXERCISE DISCRETION WHETHER TO POST-PONE TRIP.
- 2. SSA SUGGESTS FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES AS POSSIBLE MEANS DELIVERY OF CHECKS TO ELAZIG (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTACT POINT IN NEARBY CITY (E.G. MALATAYA) AT WHICH BENEFICIARIES COULD RECEIVE CHECKS FROM CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE; (B) REQUEST BANK IN AREA TO UNDERTAKE PERSONAL DELIVERY (ACCORDING SSA ZIRAAT BANK IN ELAZIG NOT ACCEPTABLE SINCE OZUN CHILDREN HAVE BEEN AND MAY STILL BE EMPLOYED THERE; (C) REQUEST TO RESPONSIBLE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AREA TO DELIVER CHECKS.

- 3. DEPT UNDERSTANDS FBU REP ATHENS HAS ADVISED SSA THAT OPTION B NOT SUITABLE DUE UNRELIABILITY OF BANKS.
- 4. SSA MAY BE FORCED AS LAST RESORT TO STOP SENDING BENEFITS

TO ELAZIG-HOZAT REGION. DEPT SUGGESTS THIS COURSE OF ACTION NOT BE MENTIONED TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES AS SERIOUS POSSIBILITY UNLESS LATTER UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY PROTECTION OF CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND OPTIONS IN PARA 2 PROVE UNFEASIBLE.

5. PLS ADVISE WHAT ACTION CONSULATE PLANS TO TAKE WITH SEPTEMBER CHECKS. KISSINGER

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